



# FOREST GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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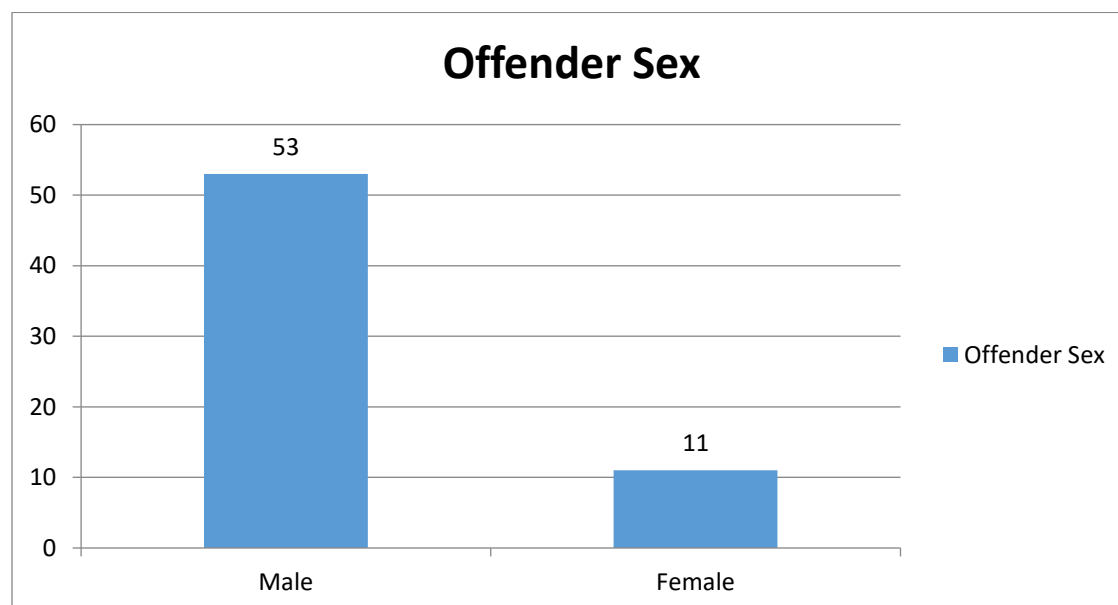
## 2020 Forest Grove Police Department Use of Force Report

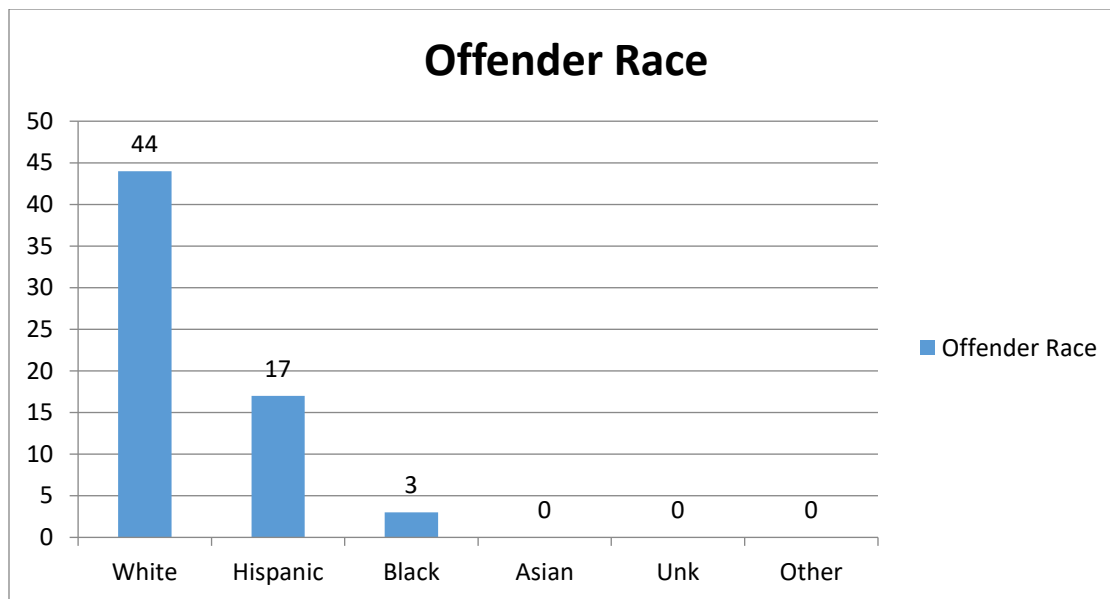
The Forest Grove Police Department operates under Federal and State laws as well as Department Policy that is modeled after the aforementioned laws. Each year the department compiles all use of force information to track trends, modify training or assist in the updating of policies.

By policy an officer is required to complete a Use of Force report each time they display a weapon, use a weapon or use physical force against a person. If more than one officer uses force on a person during an incident, each involved officer will complete a Use of Force report. The report will include the justification for the use of force, what force was used and whether it was effective or not. The report also documents race, gender, age, physical characteristics of the person, as well as any resulting injuries to the officer or citizen.

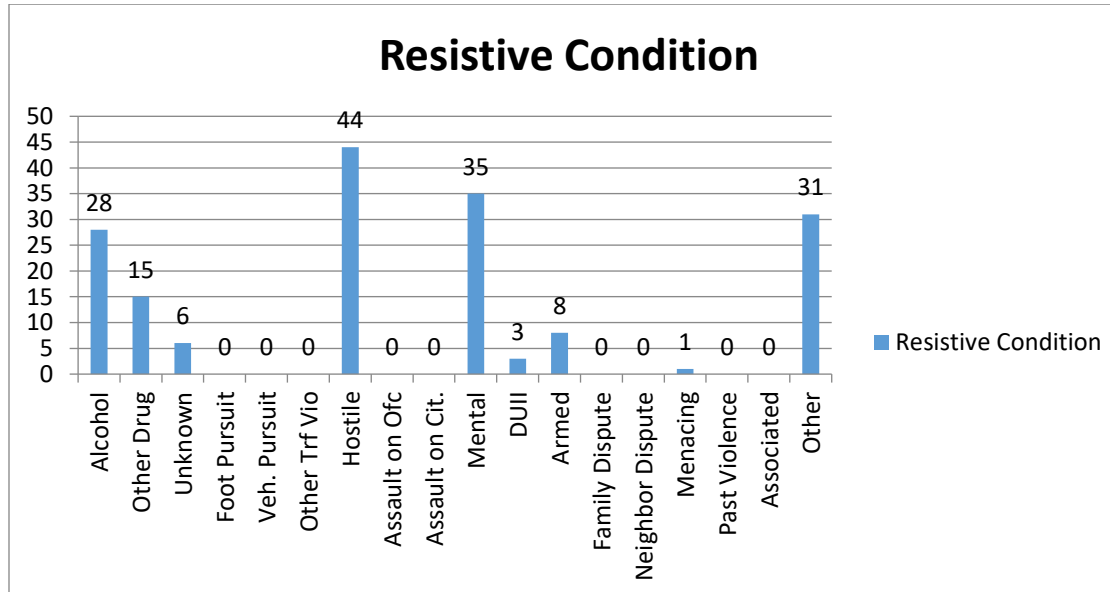
The report is reviewed by a supervisor prior to the end of the officer's shift for compliance with statute and policy. The report is later forwarded to a Use of Force Instructor to review for statute and policy compliance as well as any potential training issues that we may learn from. The report is then reviewed by the Operations Division Commander who can agree or disagree with the findings of the supervisor and/or Use of Force Instructor. Lastly, the report is approved by the Chief of Police. The data from these reports is tracked throughout the year and the annual report is derived from that data.

In 2020 the Forest Grove Police Department had over 22,160 citizen contacts and used force against 64 people. 98 Use of Force reports were completed for these 64 incidents.

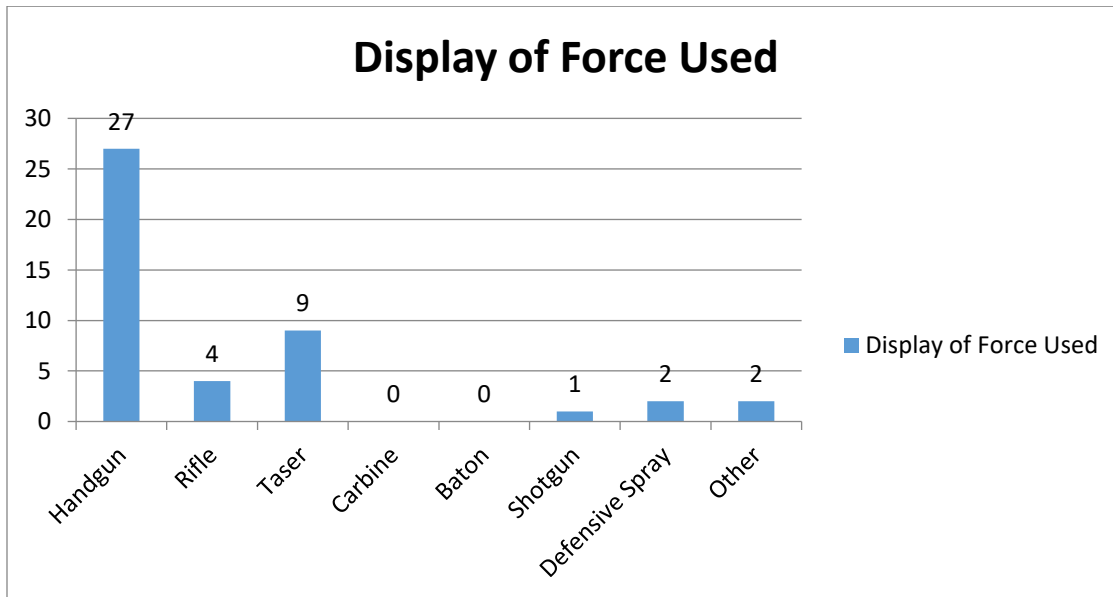




The average age of people who officers used force against was 36 years of age, while the average height and weight was approximately 5'9" and 183 Lbs. The largest driver of force used against people, noted by officers, was hostility towards officers followed closely by alcohol and drug intoxication. These were further followed by, behavioral health issues, unclassified conditions and armed citizens.



Throughout 2020 officers displayed weapons ranging from chemical spray to a patrol rifle 45 times and used some form of forceful physical contact 80 times. In 2020, no Forest Groves Officers fired their firearms and while Tasers were displayed 9 times, officers actually deployed them 3 times.



In 2020 the peak month for officer use of force was June while the peak day was Saturday. The most common hours for use of force was between 6:00pm and 9:00pm.

Not included in this report is the data surrounding the James Marshall in-custody death on October 6, 2020. This is due to the fact that this incident was investigated by the Hillsboro Police Department. Officers in that incident were subsequently cleared by the Washington County District Attorney.